The details since the inception of the Scheme is given below:

(in Rs.)

Year	Regional Office, Ahmedabad	Regional Office, Amritsar	Regional Office, Coimbatore	Regional Office Mumbai
1987-88 . . .	nil	nil	nil	nil
1988-89 . . .	2,00,00,000	"	"	"
1989-90 . . .	9,57,75,000	"	42,25, 000	"
1990-91 . . .	12,37,92,145	7,62,07,855	2,00,00,000	2,00,00,000
1991-92 . . .	6,20,77,000	2,88,30,000	20,00,000	70,93,000
1992-93* . . .	13,07,26,506	1,53,47,181	12,60,524	65,26,823
1993-94 . . .	10,73,10,927	nil	nil	1,10,28,039
1994-95 . . .	5,43,61,393	"	"	2,38,607
1995-96 . . .	3,14,98,851	"	"	26,149
1996-97 . . .	5,88,20,706	15,610	"	63,684
1997-98 . . .	6,71,00,000	. .	3,50,00,000	. .

*An amount of Rs. 1,01,38,966 had been surrendered as the same was not utilised inter-alia due to incomplete applications of workers. The condition of utilising the funds allocated under TWRFS during the year of allocation was commenced w.e.f. the financial year of 1992-93.

Amendment in guidelines for payment under TWRF Scheme

2465. SHRI RAMJILAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made certain amendments to the updated guidelines dated 1-5-1991 for payment of relief under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund (TWRF) Scheme;

(b) it so, the number of workers belonging to Himachal Worsted Mills Limited, Nalagarh (Himachal Pradesh) who have been found eligible for payment under the said scheme by the office of the Regional Textile Commissioner, Amritsar;

(c) the reasons for which payment under the said scheme has not been made to these poor workers; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to release the funds for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The following amendments have been made in TWRF Scheme;

(i) The TWRF Scheme has also been made applicable to cases of partial closure on a case to case basis subject to certain conditions.

(ii) Under the eligibility clause the wage ceiling limit has been raised from Rs. 1600/- per month to Rs. 2500/- per month.

The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme has not so far been extended to Central and State Textile PSUs.

Development of silk textiles in N. E. Region

2466. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) the detail of the steps taken/initiated for speedy development of silk textiles